



# PRESS RELEASE

July 6, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Arrest - Residential Burglary and Vehicle Theft

**CASE NUMBER:** 1602360

**DATE OCCURRED:** July 4, 2016

**TIME OCCURRED:** 5:29 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lieutenant Troy Fry

On Monday, July 4, 2016, at approximately 5:29 p.m., San Bruno Police Officers responded to the 200 block of Del Norte Drive regarding the report of a residential burglary and vehicle theft.

The investigation revealed the suspect gained entry to the residence by forcing open a window at the rear of the house. Electronics and keys to the victim's vehicle were removed from the home. The suspect stole the victim's silver 2002 Toyota Camry that had been parked in the driveway of the home. The crime was committed sometime between 2:45 p.m. and 5:20 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016, the suspect, identified as twenty-five year old South San Francisco resident Rafael Hernandez, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on Highway 17 in Santa Clara County.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Hernandez had, in fact, burglarized the residence and stolen the vehicle. Items stolen from within the residence were located in Hernandez's possession. Hernandez was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail.

Anyone with information related to this crime is encouraged to call the San Bruno Police Department at (650) 616-7100. Information can also be provided anonymously by email to: [sbpdpline@sanbruno.ca.gov](mailto:sbpdpline@sanbruno.ca.gov).

The San Bruno Police Department will continue to deploy uniformed and plainclothes officers to conduct enforcement and surveillance operations in an effort to combat these types of crimes.

Most residential burglars select a residence where they believe no one is home. In order to ensure this, they often knock on a door. If they get an answer they will come up with an excuse for knocking. If they get no answer they commit the burglary. Alert neighbors provide the biggest help to police in solving these crimes. We encourage the community to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious vehicles or activity via 911.

If you return home to find suspicious persons at or near your residence, call 911. Don't confront the suspects. If you find an open/broken window or door, do not enter. The perpetrators may still be inside. Use a cellular phone or a neighbors phone to call 911 and write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles. Note descriptions of suspicious persons.